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ECO-FRIENDLY TECHNOLOGIES UNDER PATENTABILITY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had pleaded for exclusion of environment friendly technologies from the purview of patentability at World Summit on Sustainable Development;

(b) if so, the reaction of the developed countries thereto;

(c) the difficulties faced by the developing countries to gain access to eco-friendly technologies; and

(d) the success achieved by India to convince international communities regarding eco-friendly alternatives?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) In the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the developing countries strongly pleaded for transfer of environment friendly technologies on concessional terms. The consensus in Agenda 21 on transfer of environment friendly technologies was reiterated by all countries during the Summit.

(c)&(d) Most eco-friendly technologies in the developed countries are owned by the private sector. These technologies are not available to the developing countries on concessional terms, as envisaged in Agenda 21. Developing countries, including India, were able to reinforce their demand for transfer of these technologies through interventions of the Governments in the developed countries.